



Honorable Ross Johnson, Chairman
Honorable Timothy A. Hodson, Commissioner
Honorable A. Eugene Huguenin, Commissioner
Honorable Robert Leidigh, Commissioner
Honorable Ray Remy, Commissioner

Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Agenda item #15: Adoption of Proposed Regulation 18421.7 and Amendment to Regulation 18401

Dear Chairman Johnson and Commissioners:

California Common Cause supports the adoption of proposed regulation 18421.7 and the amendment to regulation 18401 to help ensure that candidate controlled campaign funds are properly spent on a political, legislative or governmental purpose (PLG), in accordance with current law.

These changes will further strengthen existing law by providing the Commission and the public with additional information in order to better interpret the existing requirement that all campaign fund expenditures be "reasonably related" to a PLG, or "directly related" to a PLG if the expenditure provides a "substantial personal benefit" to a candidate. Unfortunately, the current reporting requirements are too vague, leaving it difficult to interpret the PLG.

The proposed regulation and amendment will help to provide the Commission and public with a more detailed description of certain campaign expenditures so as to be able to better assess the actual political, legislative or governmental purpose. As such, we urge the Commission to adopt the proposed regulation 18421.7 and the amendment to regulation 18401.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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